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Riverside utilities contributes to two Earth Day events

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Illustrating that Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) works both day and night, the agency will appear at two separate events celebrating Earth Day this week.

Between 4 and 8 p.m., tomorrow, RPU will be at the Western Municipal Water District's Earth Night at the Water Wise Garden, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd. Utilities staff will be focusing on the family with a water conservation demonstration model that people can use to cut shower times. RPU will also give away more than 2,000 "Go Green" shopping bags and coloring books for the children.

"Partnering with the City of Riverside, and the many other participating agencies, for Earth Night in the Garden allows for... hands-on information about practical ways to conserve our most precious resource: water," said John V. Rossi, Western's General Manager.

Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, Riverside Public Utilities staff will attend the Habitat for Humanity-sponsored Earth Day at White Park in Riverside. RPU will give out information about the Tree Power Program, the initiative to give free shade trees to customers. Also, information about solar rebates and compact florescent light bulbs will be available.

"Earth Day events help us spread the message about the importance of conservation and living green," said RPU General Manager Dave Wright.

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a Board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 107,000 metered electric customers and 63,400 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California. For more information on our green events, go to: www.greenriverside.com.